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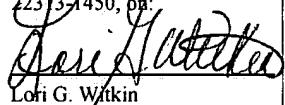
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this Response and include annotated pages showing changes (see appendix following page 8 of this response).

A new Abstract of the Disclosure begins on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Preliminary Amendment.